

**ABSTRACT**

The present invention is a method, system, and computer program product for compiling Java code. In accordance with the present invention, Java code that references classes residing in a workspace can be compiled. In accordance with the present invention, a workspace identifier is placed within the classpath to indicate the location of the referenced classes that may reside within a workspace. The present invention provides a compiler having a classpath wherein the compiler operates by performing the following steps: 1) determining if a referenced class file is located in a workspace; 2) locating the class file; 3) accessing the class file; and 4) returning the class file data to the compiler.

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